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Shriver's Maryland Corn	: 1 10	Thurber's California Apricots	: 4 00	American String Beans, per dozen	: 1 00	Best French Peas,	: 3 50
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A MEAT FAMINE THREATENED.

The Proposed Change in Freight Rates and Its Effect on the Local Market.

A proposed change in the freight rates from the west for dressed beef threatens a meat famine in Washington. If the new rates do not prevent the continued shipment of this meat, they will raise the price of meat in this market, for the consumer will pay the additional cost of transportation. If they do drive the dressed-beef men out of the business it will cause a still greater increase of price, and deprive consumers of all the advantages that attend competition between the two systems of supply.

In response to a question as to the reasons for the proposed increase, Mr. Fink, the commissioner of trunk line pool, and association railways, owning and controlling all the lines of transportation from west to east, says that its purpose is to prevent competition and to enforce the fullest extent of the doctrine of the railways, that they are entitled as a right to "that the traffic will bear."

Mr. Fink is selected by the representatives of trunk lines to administer the affairs of the pool because of his distinguished ability as an expert to accomplish its purposes. As such commissioner he has power to fix rates, and as arbitrator his decision is final as to rates and each road's proportion of traffic. He is vested with power to enforce his mandates. He is the dictator of common carriers, and the traffic of the nation is subject to him. Mr. Fink further explains that the principle upon which the relative rates have now been determined is that the cost of transportation on a pound of beef from Chicago to New York shall be the same, whether the cattle are slaughtered in Chicago or slaughtered in New York.

This is said, by the local representatives of the western shippers, to be a complete change from the commissioner's former position. At a conference held in April, 1885, between live-stock shippers and dressed-beef shippers with Mr. Fink and other representatives of trunk lines the principles upon which rates were fixed were enunciated by the latter as follows:

"We are to consider how to place the dressed-beef and live-stock shippers upon an equal footing, so that a man who buys in the eastern market dressed beef that is shipped from Chicago as such, and dressed beef that is derived from live stock, which is shipped from the west and slaughtered in New York, will have to pay the same money per pound."

Now the commissioner says: "The railroad companies are now acting upon the correct principle of neutrality between both interests, and can readily sustain their position before a legislative or judicial inquiry."

As explained by a local agent of a dressed-beef company the situation is about as follows: Forty thousand pounds of live cattle at 35 cents equals \$14,000; live cattle yield an average of 57 per cent. dressed beef; 57 per cent. of 40,000 equals 22,800 pounds; \$14,000 freight on 22,800 pounds, net produce, gives a rate of 61-1/2 cents per hundred pounds from Chicago to New York; but the hides, tallow, hoofs, heads, and offal also were brought through with the net beef for \$140. The live-cattle man has landed them in New York free. The dressed-beef shipper slaughters at Chicago and forwards his net product, 22,800 pounds, to New York at 61-1/2 cents per hundred, equal to \$143.30, and still has the horns, hides, tallow, hoofs, offal, and offal, which also go east, and which he must pay full tariff of 30 to 35 cents per hundred.

The way the proposed new principle would work is about as follows: The railroad propose to carry a whole steer for the live-stock shippers for the same money charged the dressed-beef shipper for his steer. The latter to forward the remaining half steer at half rates.

A reporter for the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN called at the headquarters of Armour & Co. at the Center market and found Bert H. Seaman, the manager for this section, in charge.

"What is the amount of the dressed-beef trade of this District?" he asked.

"From \$30,000 to \$100,000 per month," he replied.

THE NEW SCHOOL BOARD.

Its Powers and Privileges as Defined by the District Commissioners.

The commissioners' letter to the school trustees has been finished, but before being given to the public it will likely undergo revision. It is based upon the statements made in their letter to the board on Dec. 30. The powers of the board are restricted, and the members are constituted an advisory board, with certain privileges in the care and management of the schools. All the trustees share alike the responsibilities attending the management of the schools. They are to make nominations of pupils, grading of schools, number of pupils to each teacher, hours of assembling, length of session, discipline, examinations, promotions, criticism of teachers, and methods of teaching, the courses of studies, the books to be used, and other minor particulars that come in the way of care and management. All records of examinations of teachers are to be kept in the superintendent's office and duplicates sent to the trustees. Preference in the appointment to teachers is to be given to the normal school graduates. The commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject nominations in fact, all functions enjoyed by the board of trustees heretofore, except those already delegated to the board by the commissioners.

The letter quotes in full the vesting the power in the commissioners to supervise school affairs. There is but little difference in the letter over that of the one sent to the board of trustees on Dec. 30. Some points in the duties of the trustees are explained. The letter clearly defines the powers and privileges of both bodies. The commissioners in their review of the letter may add to or take away some things laid down. The powers of the trustees, as laid down by the commissioners, are in substance and meaning equivalent to the powers now enjoyed by the major of police, chief engineer of the fire department, and the health officer.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad are quoted in the following: To Chicago, \$11.00; to Louisville, \$14.00; to St. Louis, \$16.00; to Cincinnati, \$18.00; to Indianapolis, \$20.00; to St. Paul, \$22.00; to Minneapolis, \$24.00; to St. Paul, \$26.00; to Minneapolis, \$28.00; to St. Paul, \$30.00; to Minneapolis, \$32.00; to St. Paul, \$34.00; to Minneapolis, \$36.00; to St. Paul, \$38.00; to Minneapolis, \$40.00; to St. Paul, \$42.00; to Minneapolis, \$44.00; to St. Paul, \$46.00; to Minneapolis, \$48.00; to St. Paul, \$50.00; to Minneapolis, \$52.00; to St. Paul, \$54.00; to Minneapolis, \$56.00; to St. Paul, \$58.00; to Minneapolis, \$60.00; to St. Paul, \$62.00; to Minneapolis, \$64.00; to St. Paul, \$66.00; to Minneapolis, \$68.00; to St. Paul, \$70.00; to Minneapolis, \$72.00; to St. Paul, \$74.00; to Minneapolis, \$76.00; to St. Paul, \$78.00; to Minneapolis, \$80.00; to St. Paul, \$82.00; to Minneapolis, \$84.00; to St. Paul, \$86.00; to Minneapolis, \$88.00; to St. Paul, \$90.00; to Minneapolis, \$92.00; to St. Paul, \$94.00; to Minneapolis, \$96.00; to St. Paul, \$98.00; to Minneapolis, \$100.00.

Gen. Montgomery who has just returned from extended foreign travels, gave a dinner to a few friends at Chamberlin's last Wednesday evening. When a number of choice wines had been sampled with gentlemanly moderation, Col. Springfield, of the British army, who was one of the guests, proposed to take a secret ballot to test the preference of all the gentlemen present in the matter of various beverages. Distributing slips of blank paper, he said: "Each will please write on the slip handed him the name of the wine he prefers to any other."

The guests complied, the ballots were handed in, opened, and counted, and the vote stood 17 to 1 in favor of "Morist Sec."

Exports from Austria.

Consul General Jussen, at Vienna, writes to the Department of State that the exports from Austria during the year 1885 amounted to \$7,155,987.82, being a decrease of \$24,907.50 as compared with the exports for the year 1884, and \$1,567,809.43 decrease as compared with 1883.

You Have a Perfect Right.

When you demand a Bismarck's Capsule (Plaster of Druggist), to expect to receive one. Yet there are, we regret to say, a few druggists of the cheap John variety who will try to persuade you to accept some worthless substitute with a similar sounding name, such as "Capelin," "Capelinum," "Capelin," "Capelin," etc., prefixed sometimes with the name "Bismarck" or "Bismarck." Cheap John will offer you one of these worthless imitations for half the price of the genuine, as he can only afford to do so, his real value being nothing, and its cost but little more. Bismarck's are the only capsules that can be depended upon to cure every ailment subject to external treatment. They are prompt, sure, and thorough. Protect yourself against deception by buying of reliable druggists only. The genuine capsules are marked with the Bismarck brand and has the word "Capsule" cut in the center.

Part Pay for Saving the City.

The commissioners have addressed Mr. H. Browning a letter stating their willingness to pay for the services of the fire department, and Lewis on the 11th instant, but not on the 11th. The money for the same is to come out of emergency fund.

PRESENTATION DAY IN COURT.

The Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, and Clerk All Remembered by the Jury.

Justice MacArthur, upon coming into the circuit court yesterday morning, found upon the bench a handsome present from the members of the petit jury, which was yesterday discharged for the term. There was also one for District Attorney Worthington and the clerk, William E. Williams. The judge's was an elegant double-handled brass, with pen wiper and athletic paper-cut attachment. For the district attorney was an elegant ebony stick with gold head elaborately carved, and that of the clerk was a scarf pin with diamond setting. Each acknowledged the gift with a few remarks.

Justice MacArthur, in discharging the jury, complimented them upon the excellent and satisfactory service rendered and the remarkable fact that there had been only one material. He also called attention to the fact that the jury had been selected from a list of names which had been suggested in regard to controlling liquor traffic, but none of them had met with success, and perhaps none would except through personal reformation. The question of high license was now suggested. That had been tried in some places, and it seemed, with satisfactory results. The question was more of a moral than practical one, and he doubted the efficiency of political action on the subject.

After referring to the pleasant relations which had existed between the court and the jury, and thanking them for their handsome and valuable present, he directed their final discharge from service.

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Five Food for Fair Figures.

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A Song Service for Men.

A meeting for men only will be held in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association Sunday afternoon at 8:30 o'clock. The Y. M. C. A. orchestra will lead the singing, and E. D. Barley will give a short address to young men. The first quarter of the hour will be devoted to song.

The Week's Mortality.

During the past week there were 96 deaths—53 white and 43 colored. The death rate per 1,000 per annum was 20.36 white and 33.41 colored, and 27.56 for the population. Males, 20 white and 25 colored. Males, 14 white and 2 colored.

A Navy Yard Surgeon Burned Out.

A telegram was received at the Navy Department yesterday afternoon from Commandant Gibson at Pensacola, Fla., saying that the quarters occupied by the surgeon of the navy yard were totally destroyed by fire Thursday night, and the family barely escaped in their night dresses.

The sale of paintings and water colors at Scott's Art Gallery, Willard's Hall, takes place Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

A PAROCHIAL RETREAT.

Novel Exercises at the St. James Episcopal Church—Father Converse in Charge.

A "parochial retreat" will be held at St. James' Protestant Episcopal Church, Eighth, near B street northeast, beginning Monday evening. The Rev. Father Converse, of St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia, will conduct the religious exercises. The services will be as follows: Monday—Evening, 6:30 p. m.; meditation, 7 p. m. Tuesday—Celebration of the holy communion, 7 a. m.; matins, 9 a. m.; meditation, 10 a. m.; instruction, 12 m.; meditation, 3 p. m.; evening, 6:30 p. m.; meditation, 7 p. m. Wednesday—Celebration of the holy communion, 7 a. m.

The church will be open all day Tuesday. These services are intended for the benefit of the congregation and those who desire to attend. They are meant for prayer, meditation, and instruction as a preparation for the duties of Lent, which begins Ash Wednesday, the 3d instant.

This retreat is the first of the kind known to the members of the Episcopal church in this city. Father Converse has been for years engaged in special works of this kind, and in conducting retreats for the laity his labors have always been well rewarded.

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